

Happy New Year from the Presbyterian Church Camp and Conference Association!

It is an exciting time for the organization that supports the camps and conference centers of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and The Presbyterian Church in Canada. This year has been filled with new partnerships, new projects and a record number of members.

Now more than ever, our church needs the ministry of our camps and conference centers. We all know the value of this ministry and the incredible impact that it has on people of all ages. This is an important time in the history of our Presbyterian camps and conference centers and PCCCA is responding to their needs by expanding how it supports these "sacred spaces."

During this critical time, the PCCCA Board of Directors outlined four areas that they believe are important to the future of our camps and conference centers. An anonymous donor stepped forward and expressed a willingness to contribute \$10,000 in matching funds for donations made to these efforts. These important projects are as follows:

The PCCCA-CTS Certification Program

In 2008, PCCCA established an official relationship with Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. This partnership has created a new resource of programs and continuing education for current and future camp and conference professionals. The seminary is also committed to working with our association to establish a certification program. A joint task force was appointed and they have already begun their work on this project. Your gift will fund their planning meetings and the resources that are produced for this important program.

Scholarships for the PCCCA Consultants Network

The PCCCA Consultants Network provides knowledgeable, affordable, and resourceful consulting services to our Presbyterian camps and conference centers. When sites are considering changes in their ministry, the PCCCA Consultants Network is on hand to help during these times of transition. Due to our current financial climate, some camps and conference centers cannot afford the consulting services that they so desperately need. Your gift will go to the Consultants Network scholarship fund, so that all of our Presbyterian sites can grow stronger for the ministry ahead.

Our Work Group with the Association of Executive Presbyters

PCCCA has partnered with the Association of Executive Presbyters to address the future of presbyteries and their camps/conference centers. A joint work group has been established and they are pulling together resources related to fund development, presbytery-camp relations and incorporation. This information will be distributed to both camps/conference centers and to the heads of our governing bodies. Your gift will help fund their annual face-to-face meeting and the resources that are produced from this important partnership.

The Fund for Camp

This fund, which was created in memory of Don Hostetter, aids Presbyterian camps and conference centers by providing financial support to the resources that strengthen them. A goal of \$3.3 million has been set in order to create an endowment for PCCCA, the PCCCA Consultants Network and the Office for Camps and Conferences of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Your gift will go to the Fund for Camp and it will help endow the support systems that undergird our Presbyterian camps and conference centers.

Last month in Arkansas, the PCCCA family gathered at the Annual Conference held at Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center. On that Wednesday night, the participants were given the opportunity to stand up and donate to these four important areas. When the evening was over,

\$9,050 in cash and pledges had been contributed by the participants at the conference! With the matching funds, over \$18,000 will go to these projects. We are extremely grateful for these gifts and for the ministry that can be accomplished with this funding.

When our anonymous donor heard about the incredible evening at Ferncliff, this individual increased the amount for the matching funds to \$15,000. This gives our campaign a new goal! Those participants at the Annual Conference made an amazing gift to this organization and are leading the way for the biggest campaign that has ever been attempted by this association.

We have an incredible opportunity to fund the future of Presbyterian camp and conference ministry like never before. As a member of the PCCCA family, we are asking that you prayerfully consider a gift to these four important projects.

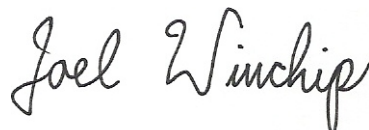
Can you help us reach this new goal of \$15,000?

- Please give knowing the importance of this ministry.
- Please give knowing that the matching funds will double the impact of your donation. Every dollar that you contribute will be matched by our anonymous donor.
- Please give knowing that your gift is making a difference as PCCCA continues to expand its support of Presbyterian camps and conference centers.

Please consider a tax-deductible, year-end gift which will allow PCCCA to respond to the new needs of our camps, conference and retreat ministries. You can make your gift by sending a check with the attached pledge card to PCCCA Matching Gift Appeal, 535 Broadwater Circle, Anderson, SC 29626-6358. You can also use your credit card and make a gift at www.fundforcamp.org. For the rest of this month, donations made on this website will benefit the Fund for Camp as well as the other three efforts in this matching gift drive.

Thank you for your prayers and we look forward to your support of this vital ministry. Take care and have a happy new year.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joel Winchip". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joel Winchip
Executive Director

PCCCA MATCHING GIFT DRIVE

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

I (we) make the following gift to the matching fund drive:

\$1000 \$500

\$250 \$100

\$50 \$25

Other \$ _____

Please mail this form with a check (payable to PCCCA) to Manella Calhoun, 535 Broadwater Circle, Anderson, SC 29626-6358. You can also pay by credit card at www.fundforcamp.org. Your gift is tax-deductible and greatly appreciated!

Your contribution (and the matching funds) will support the following efforts:

The PCCCA-CTS Certification Program

For the work of this task force as they create a new certification program for camp and conference professionals and volunteers

Scholarships for the PCCCA Consultants Network

Provides assistance to sites that are unable to afford the fees of our Consultants Network

Our Work Group with the Association of Executive Presbyters

To assist this group as they pull together resources to help presbyteries and their camps/conference centers

The Fund for Camp

The endowment that funds the ministry of PCCCA and its Consultants Network